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SUBJ: DANISH METAL WORKERS POSTPONE U.S. VISIT UNTIL AUTUMN

1. A VISIT BY PAULUS ANDERSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE DANISH METAL WORKERS, AND FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS UNION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE INVITATION OF UAW PRESIDENT DOUGLAS FRASER HAS BEEN POSTPONED. THE VISIT, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10-23 WAS MEANT TO CONTINUE THE LONG EXISTING CLOSE FRATERNAL RELATIONS WHICH HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN THE DANISH METAL WORKERS' UNION AND THE UAW. IT WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE AUTUMN.

2. ANDERSEN WAS FORCED TO DELAY THE VISIT BECAUSE HIS PRESENCE WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE DANISH PARLIAMENT WHERE HE, AS ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR ECONOMICS MINISTER PER HAEKKERUP, HAS BEEN FORCED TO ASSUME HAEKKERUP'S SEAT FOR AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD FOLLOWING HAEKKERUP'S RECENT OPERATION FOR LUNG CANCER.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY, IN THE INTEREST OF STRENGTHENING DANISH-AMERICAN INTER-UNION RELATIONSHIPS, HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY TO RECEIVE ANDERSEN AND HIS PARTY DURING THEIR US SOJOURN AND ANDERSEN WAS EAGER TO CALL AT 16TH STREET IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED. WE HOPE SUCH A MEETING CAN TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL.

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